(b) whether the process of surrender of arms is now complete; and

(c) what other steps have so far been taken to implement the Accord?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) As envisaged in the agreement, the West Bengal State Legislature has already passed the Hill Council Bill and the elections to the Council are expected to be held on 13th December, 1988. As per information furnished by the State Government, all TADA cases and other criminal cases have been reviewed and submitted to the concerned Courts. Departmental actions initiated against the employees in the context of the agitation have been dropped.

Adjudication proceedings against M/s. I.T.C. Ltd.

1682. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:
SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Directorate of Anti-Evasion issued show cause notices amounting to Rs. 803 crore on M/s. I.T.C. Ltd., after search and seizure operations carried out on 17th February, 1987;

(b) whether it is also a fact that I.T.C. petition in this conection was rejected by the Calcutta High Court on 12th October, 1988; and

(c) if so, when the adjudication proceedings were started and by when these are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The adjudication proceedings started on the date of issue of the show cause notice itself i.e. on 27.3.1987. The company completed inspection of document etc. by December, 1987. The reply to the show cause notice was received from the company by the Adjudication Authority on 2.3.88. Thereafter presonal hearings started with effect from 23.5.88 and have since been continuing practically on a day-to-day basis. The Adjudicating Authority is making all possible efforts to adjudicate the case expeditiously.

Show Cause Notices pending against M/s. I.T.C. Limited

1683. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of show cause notices pending before the various jurisdiction collectorates against M/s. I.T.C. Limited and the amount involved therein; and

(b) what is the present position regarding adjudication/demand notices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) The information is being collected from the field formations and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Show Cause Notices issued to M/s. I.T.C. Limited by the Central Excise Collector, Patna

1684. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:
SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Board of Excise and Customs had, in a telex message on 8th Dec-

ember, 1986 directed the Collector, Central Excise, Patna to issue show cause notices pertaining to administrative charges on M/s. ITC Limited on the basis of the admission made by the company; and

(b) whether the show cause notices have been served on M/s. ITC Limited, if so, what are the details thereof stating the latest position with regard to the recovery made and details of show cause notices, if any, issued by other jurisdictional collectors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) The Collector of Central Excise, Patna had already decided to issue a show cause notice to M/s. I.T.C. Limited regarding duty payable on "Administrative Charges". The Central Board of Excise and Customs vide telex dated 8.12.86 merely directed the Collector to expedite the issue of the said show cause notice.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Collector of Central Excise, Patna has already served a copy of the show cause notice pertaining to "Administrative Charges" on M/s. I.T.C. Ltd. Show cause notices on the same issue have also been served on M/s. ITC Limited by four other Central Excise Collectorates namely, Calcutta-I, Meerut, Bombay-I and Bangalore. The particulars of these cases, indicating the present position, are given in the enclosed Statement.

Statement

Sr. No.	Name of Collectorate	Date of Show Cause Notice	Amount involved (Rs. in crore)	Present position
1	Bombay-I	13-4-87	2.34	Pending adjudication before Collector of Central Excise, Calcutta-I.
2	Bangalore	25-9-87	3.9	Do.
3	Calcutta-I	26-3-87/ 7-10-87/ 27-7-88	Not yet quantified	Do.
4	Meerut	27-3-87	Do.	Do.
5	Patna	7-1-87	Do.	Do.

Excise duty evasion cases against M/s. I.T.C. Limited

1685. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:
SHRI MOHINDRA SINGH LATHER:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on 10th April, 1986 the DG Inspection under the Central Board of Excise and Customs passed an adjudication order in respect of various show cause notices issued by the Collectorate of Central Excise pertaining to various units of M/s. ITC Limited on account of differential rate of duty and that Government obtained legal opinion of the Law Ministry with regard to the methodology of calculation of differential rate of duty on 20th January, 1987;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for inordinate delay in effecting recovery